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1. ON SEPT. 12, FOREIGN OFFICE POLITICAL DIRECTOR BLECH
GAVE THE DCM A PREVIEW OF THE SEPT. 14 EC-FOREIGN
MINISTERS MEETING. AS HAD EC-PRESIDENCY OFFICER
STABREIT (REF. A), BLECH SAID DISCUSSION WOULD
CONCENTRATE ON POLITICAL COOPERATION WITH TURKEY, THE
33RD UNGA, AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST (SEPTTEL). HIS
COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA ITEMS FOLLOW:
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2. EC ENLARGEMENT AND POLITICAL COOPERATION WITH
TURKEY. BLECH THOUGHT THE REPORT APPROVED BY THE
POLITICAL DIRECTORS (REF. B) WAS SOUND AND WOULD ALSO
BE APPROVED BY THE MINISTERS. BLECH NOTED THAT THE
ARRANGEMENT BEING OFFERED WAS AN EFFORT TO ALLAY
TURKISH ANXIETIES ABOUT GREEK MEMBERSHIP IN THE

NINE AND, WHILE NOT A PROPOSAL FOR FULL POLITICAL COOPERATION, WAS AN OFFER OF RECIPROCAL INFORMATION CHANNEL.

IN PRACTICE, THE OFFER IS A FORM OF CONSULTATION THOUGH THE NINE WISH TO AVOID THE TERM, WHICH THEY FEAR GIVES THE CONNOTATION OF A TURKISH VETO OVER EC DECISION MAKING.

3. BLECH SAID IT WAS STILL AN OPEN QUESTION WHETHER THE TURKS WOULD ACCEPT THE OFFER. HE THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE THAT THEY MIGHT POCKET IT AND COME BACK FOR MORE. BEYOND NOTING THAT ANKARA DID NOT WANT A FORMAL LINK BETWEEN THE "RECIPROCAL INFORMATION" CHANNEL AND GREEK ENTRY, BLECH DID NOT ELABORATE ON THE TURKISH POSITION.

4. BLECH CONFIRMED THAT THE MINISTERS WOULD ADOPT A REPORT ON "THE FUTURE OF EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF EC ENLARGEMENT" (REF. A). THIS REPORT EXTENDS THE POLITICAL COOPERATION PROCEDURES ALREADY IN EFFECT FOR GREECE TO SPAIN AND PORTUGAL, THEREBY ACCELERATING THE PROCESS IN THE LATTER COUNTRIES.

5. 33RD UNGA. BLECH DESCRIBED THE SOVIET REACTION TO THE NINE'S DRAFT DECLARATION ON PEACEKEEPING (SEPTTEL). AS HAD GORENFLOS EARLIER (REF. C), HE STRESSED THE CONFIDENTIAL

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NEED FOR THE WEST TO DEVELOP A MORE COHERENT AND BETTER COORDINATED POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. HE SAID THE NINE

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WERE DEVELOPING A POSITION WHICH SUPPORTED BOTH
INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE HUMAN RIGHTS. PRIORITY WOULD
BE GIVEN TO THE FORMER WHILE MAKING IT CLEAR THAT THIS
WAS NOT A DISAVOWAL OF THE LATTER.

5. AFRICA. BLECH EXPECTED A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF
AFRICAN ISSUES. HE CONFIRMED THAT THERE WOULD BE
CONSIDERATION OF MEASURES WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN VIS-A-VIS
SOUTH AFRICA. REGARDING THE DECLARATION ON SPORTS
CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA, BLECH SAID SENTIMENT WAS
SHIFTING AGAINST RELEASING IT. INITIALLY, THE THINKING
HAD BEEN TO ISSUE THE DECLARATION AFTER THE UNSC
SESSION ON NAMIBIA, BUT THE DELAY IN THAT MEETING MADE
IT PRUDENT TO HOLD OFF. BLECH SAID THE FOREIGN
MINISTERS WOULD ALSO DECIDE ON THE TIMING OF A DEMARCHE
TO PRETORIA ON POLITICAL PRISONERS (REF. D, PARA 3).
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WE REITERATED THAT THE U.S. WOULD GIVE FAVORABLE
CONSIDERATION TO A PARALLEL PRESENTATION IN PRETORIA.

6. CYPRUS. THIS SUBJECT WAS NOT ON THE MINISTER'S
AGENDA AND BLECH OBSERVED THAT THE FRG, UK, AND FRANCE
WERE WORKING TO MODERATE THEIR COLLEAGUES' TENDENCY
TO GET MORE INVOLVED IN CYPRUS.

7. BLECH NOTED THAT THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WOULD
GIVE MORE ATTENTION TO EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND THE
CSCE PROCESS AT THEIR NEXT MEETING IN OCTOBER.
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